

LEP Endorsement Register (Oct 2020 J Powell)

Name of project	Name of person requesting endorsement	Date requested	Notes	Endorsement
Transition Town Totnes for National Lottery Climate Action Fund	Emily Reed Emily Reed – Climate Emergency Project Manager Environment Group Devon County Council	March 2020	For a fair and resilient Zero Carbon Future Programme.	Letter of support sent
South Somerset District Council High Street Funding (Yeovil)	Martin Woods Director of Place	April 2020	For Yeovil Future High Streets funding – they are in a strong position to secure the final funding, having been through several rounds of feedback with officials from MHCLG and submitting final business case to make Yeovil a sustainable town centre regeneration model.	Endorsement letter sent
West Somerset & Taunton High Street Funding	Kate Murdoch Strategy Specialist	April	For Taunton Hight Streets funding – also through to final funding bid	Endorsement letter sent
Yvonne Elsourgi	Yew Research Bath	May	UK/ Ireland Diversity in Aviation & Aerospace Network the proposal to establish an academic network focusing on Diversity in Aviation and Aerospace across both the UK and Ireland in response to a funding call issued jointly by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Irish Research Council (IRC).	Endorsement letter sent
Edginswell Station	Adam Luscombe Service Manager, Strategy and Project Management	June	Council's bid to the Department from Transport's New Stations Fund for Edginswell Railway Station.	Letter of support sent

	Spatial Planning Torbay Council			
Department for Transport's Rural Mobility Fund.	Mike O'Dowd Jones Strategic Commissioning Manager - Highways and Transport Somerset County Council	June	To secure support from the Department for Transport Rural Mobility Fund in order to trial a number of initiatives, including services which would facilitate access to employment across rural South Somerset; evening and weekend services into the key centres of Taunton and Yeovil; and expansion of demand responsive transport in West Somerset to tackle the prominent issues of social mobility and access to vital services.	Letter of support sent
Circular Food	Professor Steffen Boehm, Professor in Organisational Studies University of Exeter	June	For the University of Exeter's proposal to design and deliver a circular regional food system, in response to the UKRI's recent call entitled "Transforming the UK food system for healthy people and a healthy environment". The project aligns well with the South West Food Hub Community Interest Company (CIC) launched this month to lead a collaborative food community to support the region's food network to buy local and establish sustainable, shorter supply chains across the South West's food sector, focusing primarily on public procurement.	Letter of endorsement sent
Plymouth City Council – High Street Funding	Matt Ward Head of Strategic Developments	June	Round two of High Streets Funding	Letter of endorsement sent
Gravity & inward investment	DIT Thomas Webb	June	Inward Investment in the South West As a partner in the Gravity Enterprise Zone we write to endorse and actively support the Gravity Enterprise Zone proposal to the Department of International Trade to host a Gigafactory for research and development and manufacturing for the automotive industry.	Letter of support sent
Taw Link	David Hoare on	June	Submission to the Department for Transport New Ideas Fund for the Taw Link project.	Letter of support

	behalf of Selaine Saxby, MP		The TawLink proposal is an innovative scheme which could offer significant benefits through providing a link between Braunton and the main line railway at Barnstaple station, as well as providing a good public transport option for journeys to work, shopping and education in Barnstaple. The Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership supports the principle of sustainable transport solutions which would provide alternatives to the private car, and contribute to reducing congestion and improving air quality	sent
Bideford Future High Street Funding	Chris Fuller Economic Development Officer Torridge District Council	July	The redevelopment of Isaac's Yard presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Bideford. To include:- Site acquisition, Archaeological works and site preparation and cleansing, including to prepare access for Meanwhile uses	Letter of endorsement sent
Barnstaple High Street Funding	Dominie Dunbrook	July	The business case asks for an investment of approximately £9million into our town centre and focuses on the "Markets Quarter" in the heart of Barnstaple, which includes the iconic and much-loved Pannier Market, the Guildhall, a derelict former abattoir and Butchers' Row and nearby derelict buildings on Boutport Street all with the aim of re-establishing Barnstaple town centre as the heart of civic, commercial, cultural and community life in North Devon.	Letter of support sent
Torquay Town Deal	Alan Denby	July	The Town Board's vision for Torquay in 2030 is for the town to build on its high-quality coastal location and sectoral strengths; recovering the economy from Covid 19 impact bringing greater vitality to the town centre; connecting the growth and opportunity areas in the town to reposition and creating inclusive economic opportunities for all parts of the community	Letter of endorsement sent
Gravity Ltd	Tom Curtis Chief Executive	Aug	LEP support to the principle of restoring rail access to the Gravity site, ideally for both passengers and freight.	Letter of support sent

Retrofit Academy	Via Alistair Mumford Devon County Council on behalf of the Retrofit Academy	Oct	BEIS have a fund to support projects to increase capacity within the retrofit supply chain to deal with the growth generated from the Green Homes Grant and other associated initiative. This would be of substantial benefit to the HoSW region and the Retrofit Academy are submitting a bid.	Letter of endorsement sent
Penryn (University of Exeter, Cornwall Campus)	Dr Alex Hayward Exeter University	Oct	Submitting a research proposal to the Sustainable Management of UK Marine Resources call, focussing on the UK shellfish industry (wild capture and aquaculture), that aims to find solutions for transformation into a more resilient and sustainable industry. A sustainable and resilient industry will provide a range of enhanced benefits to coastal communities and marine ecosystems, including increased employment opportunities, a healthier coastal marine environment with restored habitats, and enhanced business opportunities.	Letter of endorsement sent
Lynton & Barnstaple Railway	Richard Pocock Heritage Rail Association	Oct	Support for Transport and General Works application for reconstruction of Phase IIA of the line; a further four and a half miles which will provide a five and a half mile line in total. The reopened line will have considerable economic benefits for North Devon and restore a railway of national significance.	Letter of support sent
Associated British Ports	Tom Batchelor Port Manager SW Via PCC	Oct	Bid into Port infrastructure fund to create a border entry point with associated infrastructure.	Letter of endorsement sent